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In re Application of :
Vitale Bruzzo :
Application No. 10/070,300 :
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Attorney Docket No. 16791-2 :

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b)¹, filed October 12, 2006, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

This application became abandoned for failure to timely reply to the final Office Action mailed July 12, 2004. A response was filed October 12, 2004 but by Advisory Action of November 8, 2004, the applicant was advised that the response did not place the application in condition for allowance. This application therefore became abandoned on October 13, 2004. Accordingly, a Notice of Abandonment was mailed June 14, 2005.

Petitioner has submitted a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and requests that the amendment submitted October 12, 2004 be considered as the submission required under 37 CFR 1.114.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 3744 for processing of the RCE.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision should be directed to the undersigned Petitions Attorney at (571) 272-3212.

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¹Effective December 1, 1997, the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) now provide that where the delay in reply was unintentional, a petition may be filed to revive an abandoned application or a lapsed patent pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b). A grantable petition filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) must be accompanied by:

(1) the required reply, unless previously filed. In a nonprovisional application abandoned for failure to prosecute, the required reply may be met by the filing of a continuing application. In an application or patent, abandoned or lapsed for failure to pay the issue fee or any portion thereof, the required reply must be the payment of the issue fee or any outstanding balance thereof.

(2) the petition fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m);

(3) a statement that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. The Commissioner may require additional information where there is a question whether the delay was unintentional; and

(4) any terminal disclaimer (and fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.20(d)) required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(c).